

FACT SHEET
EX-IM BANK ENVIRONMENTAL PROCEDURES
INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

The Ex-Im Bank's Charter, revised by Congress in November 1997, requires the establishment of environmental review procedures consistent with Ex-Im Bank's overall export promotion objectives. The Charter also authorizes the Board of Directors to grant or withhold financing support after taking into account the beneficial and adverse environmental effects of proposed transactions.

Ex-Im Bank will maintain U.S. exporters' competitiveness in the global marketplace while ensuring that the projects it supports are environmentally responsible. Ex-Im Bank will decline to finance an export transaction if the Board of Directors determines that this is appropriate in light of the project's serious adverse environmental effects.

To provide guidance to exporters, environmental guidelines are available for assessing potential environmental impacts in the following areas: air quality, water use and quality, management of hazardous and toxic materials and waste, natural hazards, socioeconomic and sociocultural effects, ecological effects and noise. These guidelines have been compiled into eight individual Tables, each of which addresses a particular industrial sector activity ranging from Thermal Power Plants to Pulp and Paper Mills.

Applicants are required to provide environmental information satisfactory to Ex-Im Bank in support of their applications. Ex-Im Bank's goal is to require only the extent and detail of environmental information that is necessary to provide well-informed advice to the Board of Directors. Therefore, applicants for limited recourse project finance and long-term loans and guarantees (transactions with either a principal liability of more than \$10,000,000 or a repayment term of more than seven years) must complete and return the "Environmental Screening Document", copy of which is attached to this fact sheet, with their applications to Ex-Im Bank. Based on the information provided in this simple one-page document, the Engineering & Environment (E&E) Division will screen and classify each transaction to determine the extent of environmental review required under the Environmental Procedures and Guidelines effective as of April 2, 1998. A separate set of Procedures and Guidelines applies to nuclear-related transactions.

In cases requiring an environmental assessment, the applicant may submit a copy of an environmental assessment already prepared for the project, e.g., for international financial institutions or host governments. The E&E staff will advise the applicant whether additional or updated information is required and, as necessary, provide guidance on the contents of the environmental assessment.

As early as possible, the E&E staff will inform the applicant as to what environmental information will be required. E&E staff will be available to counsel applicants, especially small and medium-sized businesses, on how to comply with Ex-Im Bank's environmental procedures. It is in the applicant's interest to submit the requested information as soon as possible. Failure to submit this information may delay case processing. However, if complete environmental information is not available at a preliminary stage, such information must be submitted prior to an Ex-Im Bank decision on a final commitment.

Copies of the April 2, 1998 Ex-Im Bank Environmental Procedures and Guidelines and Ex-Im Bank's Guidance Outline on Environmental Assessment are available through the Internet, (<http://www.exim.gov>) or may be obtained by contacting Ex-Im Bank.

Attachment: Annex B

MORE INFORMATION

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EX-IM BANK ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING DOCUMENT

Limited Recourse Project Financing and Long-Term Programs Only

Ex-Im Bank will screen Project Finance and Long-Term transactions into three categories, as defined in Ex-Im Bank's Environmental Procedures. The information you provide in this form will help Ex-Im Bank to determine the proper Category for your application, a process that is crucial to the appropriate and timely review of your application. Please check the boxes that apply to your application.

Yes No

- ☐ ☐ Are the products or services covered in your application destined for an identified project?
If so, identify the project _____.
If not, explain _____.

PROJECT LOCATION

Is the project located in or sufficiently near to have perceptible environmental effects in any of the following areas:

- ☐ ☐ Tropical Forest
☐ ☐ Nationally Designated Wetlands or Protected Wildlands
☐ ☐ National Parks
☐ ☐ Nationally Designated Refuges
☐ ☐ Coral Reefs or Mangrove Swamps
☐ ☐ Nationally Designated Seashore Areas
☐ ☐ Habitat of Endangered Species
☐ ☐ Large Scale Resettlement? (How Many Persons? _____)
☐ ☐ Properties on the World Heritage List

PROJECT SECTOR OR INDUSTRY

Which classification describes the project for which the exports are destined:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Airport construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Air traffic control systems or navigational aids |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chemical plant | <input type="checkbox"/> Consulting services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitals and medical equipment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geothermal power | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-project services (feasibility & envir. studies) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hydropower plant | <input type="checkbox"/> Railway signalling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Iron & steel plant | <input type="checkbox"/> Telecommunications or satellites |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large infrastructure project | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation carriers (aircraft, locomotives, boats) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large-scale water reservoir | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mining & mineral processing plant | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nuclear power plant | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oil & gas field development | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Petrochemical plant or refinery | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Describe) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmaceutical project | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pulp & paper plant | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Smelter | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thermal power plant | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Waste management | |

Name of Applicant _____ Date _____

For inquiries and information please contact the Engineering & Environment Division at (202)565-3570.